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AND MANUFACTURING METHOD,
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RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION
METHOD, AND RECORDING AND
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS FOR
THE SAME

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